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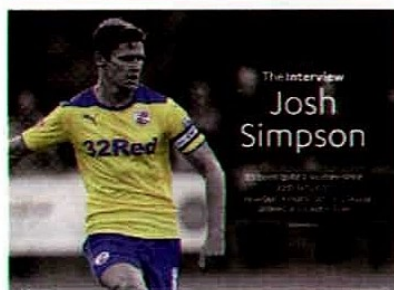
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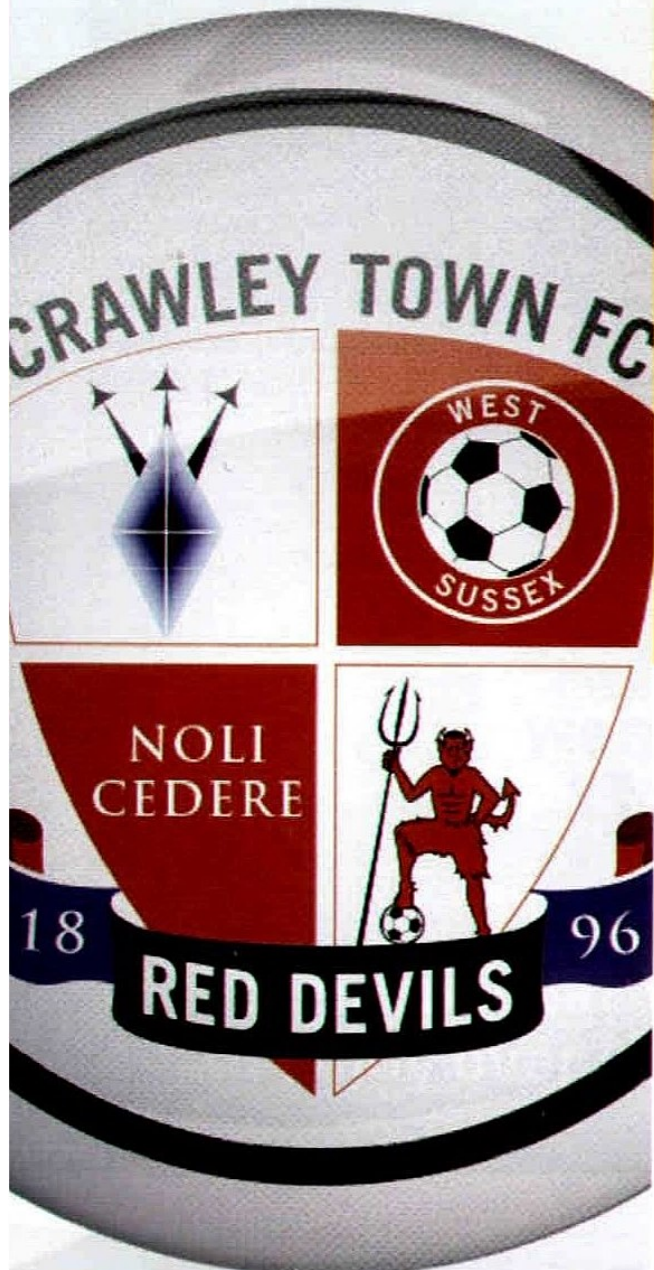
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John Gregory



FROM THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back for today's home game against Swindon Town.

Like ourselves, Mark Cooper and his boys have made a terrific start to the season. We had them watched on Tuesday at Luton – which is never an easy place to get a result – and they thoroughly deserved to progress in the Capital One Cup and build on their win over Scunthorpe last Saturday.

Mark's got a good blend of youth and experience so if we want to maintain our own 100% start it will take another performance similar to the ones we have produced against Barnsley and Ipswich in our opening two matches.

That was the sixth time this club has knocked out Championship opposition in a cup tie since 2011 and by all accounts it was similar type of performance to a lot of those other famous wins. At times we had to dig in against an Ipswich side that knocked the ball around nicely, especially in the second half. We had to stay nice and solid and keep our shape which we did and I felt that the longer the game went on we looked the fitter and more resilient side.

That is down to the hard work the squad have done in pre-season under the supervision of our medical and sports science team. They took on board everything that was asked of them and reaped the rewards on Tuesday. I felt we were the fitter side at Barnsley too so it's no coincidence that the efforts the boys put in before we kicked a ball in anger paid off.

I was delighted for everyone, particularly Izale McLeod who scored his first goal in front of our own fans. That is a big moment for any striker when he comes to a new club, although I'm sure everyone would have been impressed with Izale's work-rate and commitment even before his winner. He's going to be a big player for us this season.

During our extensive recruitment drive this summer we looked for players capable of operating in other positions. You need that flexibility when you have a small squad and we saw evidence of it

on Tuesday when Sonny Bradley came in for a composed debut at left-back and I was able to employ Ryan Dickson on the left-hand side of midfield. Ryan's played a lot of games there and I thought when he came on he gave our attacking play an extra dimension.

So that's another option for me when I choose today's team. We were without three experienced players on Tuesday in Josh Simpson, Matt Harrold and Gavin Tomlin but hopefully it won't be long before they are back in the fold.

With progress to the second round of the Capital One Cup secured and a first round tie in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy also on the horizon, we are going to need everyone to be ready to step in and play their part over the next few weeks. The schedule we are facing will test us all but I am confident the lads will respond to the challenge, as they have already this season. We have an excellent group of players who are fiercely committed to each other and the badge they wear with pride. I think we have all seen evidence of that in the first couple of games.

The support on Tuesday was terrific. You really got behind the boys and made it a great cup tie atmosphere but it goes without saying that we will need the same again today. The club are giving all home fans an A3 card today as part of the Football League's Wall of Colour initiative so make sure you are showing those red cards when the teams come out and let's create a really good atmosphere for the players.

Come on you Reds!

JG



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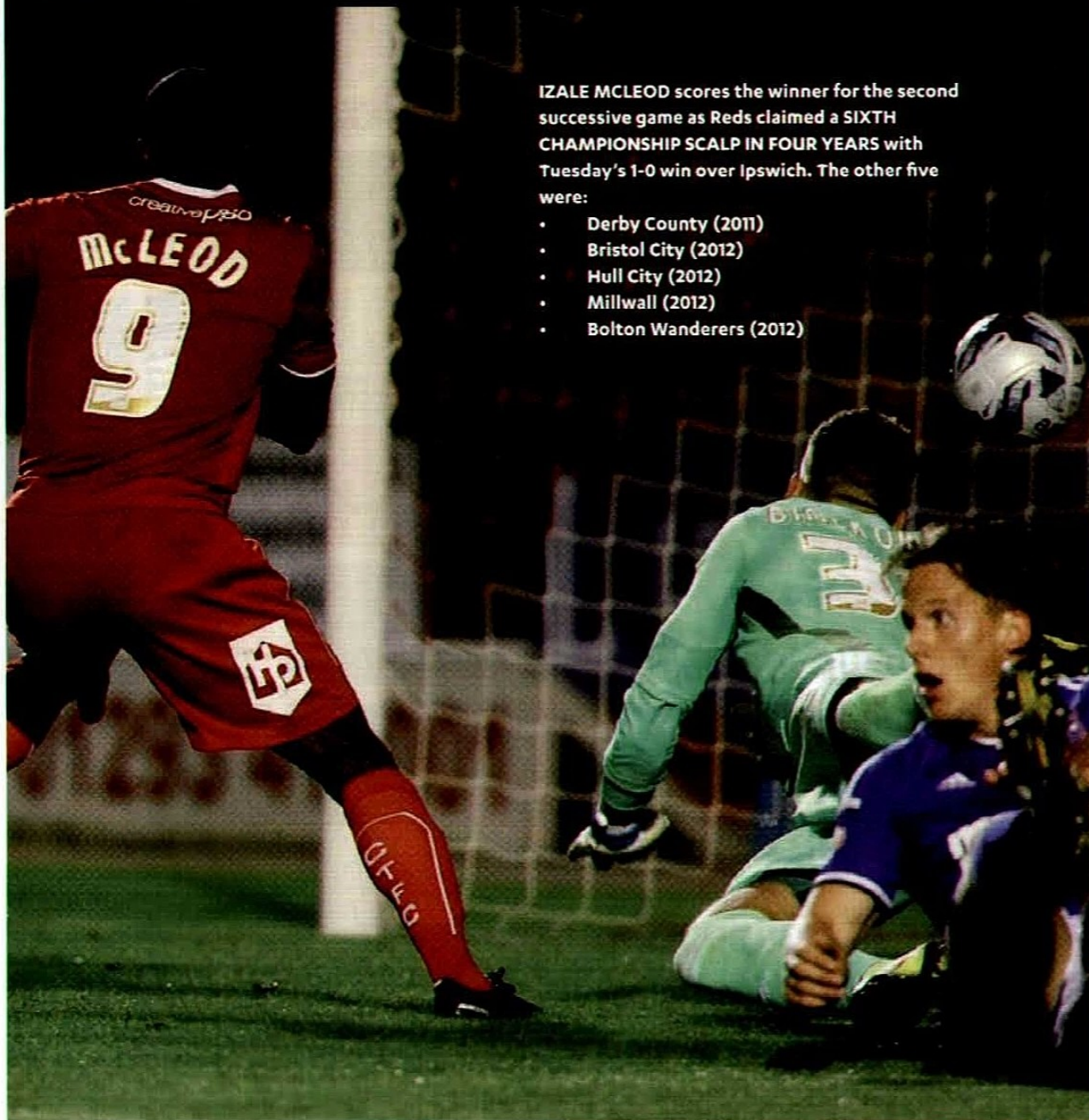
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The Big Picture



Red Devils Ipswich

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IZALE MCLEOD scores the winner for the second successive game as Reds claimed a SIXTH CHAMPIONSHIP SCALP IN FOUR YEARS with Tuesday's 1-0 win over Ipswich. The other five were:

- Derby County (2011)
- Bristol City (2012)
- Hull City (2012)
- Millwall (2012)
- Bolton Wanderers (2012)



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Michael Dunford

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Good afternoon and welcome to our first home Sky Bet League One game of the season as host Swindon Town at the Checkatrade.com Stadium.

Like ourselves, Swindon have won their first two games so we should be in for a cracking 90 minutes.

Not only were we delighted with the result against Ipswich on Tuesday, but I also thought the atmosphere in the Stadium was excellent and we'd love a repeat of that today. As part of the Football League's Wall of Colour initiative, each home fan is being issued with an A3 size card today. Please hold it above your heads as the teams come out and let's make a Wall of Colour inside the stadium to welcome the lads and hopefully inspire them to three more points.

Tuesday's attendance was slightly higher than pre-sales had indicated. Although there were more than 800 Ipswich fans, we were encouraged by the home attendance given that it's still holiday time and we have two League games coming up in quick succession. We sold out of programmes and ground bar revenue was extremely good.

Last week we launched Flexi 8 tickets and they have already proved to be popular. Initially, they were aimed at people who work shifts in the town and particularly Gatwick Airport but we also found, after consulting with supporters, that a number of our fans cannot make midweek or even a lot of Saturday games because of family or other commitments.

If you fall into those groups Flexi 8 is ideal. Not only do you get eight home tickets to any League matches for the price of seven, you also get category B status when it comes to the distribution of cup tickets.

You will have noticed in the programme a voucher on the back page. Voucher holders will get category C status with cup tickets (if they don't already come under categories A or B) and three times in the season there will be a special offer for those who have collected a certain number of vouchers.

We have been delighted with the quality of playing surface, which was re-laid during the summer. We had some

substantial rainfall in the days before the Ipswich game but all the indications are of a big improvement. All the teams we have hosted so far have commented on the quality of the pitch including Ipswich, which is praise indeed from a club renowned for the quality of their surface at Portman Road.

Please pay a visit to the Club Shop today if you haven't done so already. It has had a summer re-vamp to make browsing easier and you can now click and collect through our online shop. We've changed our policy in regards to stock too. In the past we have over-ordered on certain lines. Now, and given the level of business, we order smaller quantities but more often so we can freshen up the stock. Our new shop brochure will be out soon and it will also be available online. Further brochures will come out at Christmas and next Easter.

I'm pleased to report that we only have 30 spaces left in the main car park because of the popularity of the reserved parking bays. The system is working well after a few teething problems and I would recommend you consider purchasing one to make sure of your parking spot at every game here at the Stadium this season.

All that remains is for me to thank you for your support today and ask you to get right behind the Reds from the start. We are all in this together so it's onwards and upwards.

Michael



You Ask **They Answer**

Goalkeeper Brian *The Beast* Jensen answers your questions via our social media channels and through www.ctfc.net. Thanks to all those who contributed!





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Paul Clark from Facebook: For a big bloke, who is getting on in years, do you have to watch what you eat throughout the season?

BJ: You always have to look after yourself, especially at my age. I feel as a footballer full stop you have to keep an eye on what you eat and drink. You have to if you want to push yourself at a high level.

John Barnett from Twitter: What has been the biggest moment of your career?

BJ: Obviously the run Burnley had in the Carling Cup in 2009 was massive but the game that stands out is winning at Wembley in the play-off final and getting promoted to the best league in the world.

Aiden Parfitt from Facebook: How different is playing in League One to playing in the Premier League?

BJ: You could say the quality is higher and you have more time on the ball in the Premier League. The players in the Premier League are more athletic and if you make a mistake in the Premier League you are punished.

Red, Red and Red from CTFC.net: Since arriving at Crawley what do you like and dislike about the place?

BJ: I like the community, the club and the nice ground. We're all in the same boat and we're all getting to know each other. What I really like already is the camaraderie between the players and we're all friends here. The worst thing from my perspective is the location in that it's quite a way from where my family are based in Cheshire – that's a little bit of a stinker!

Ewan from Twitter: Who has the worst dress sense in the team?

BJ: Emmett O'Connor by a country mile. I don't know what he's thinking. He loves his flip flops and his Blue Jays gear. He needs to go and do some shopping very soon!

Luke Scaife from Twitter: What's your favourite hobby outside of football?

BJ: Looking after my boys – Jamie is 10 and Sebastian is eight. They both play at quite a high level for their age so when I get the opportunity I try to look after them and drive them around. My wife and the boys are my hobby.

Stephen Fuller from Facebook: What is the most comical goal you have conceded / seen?

BJ: I don't know which one to pick out! I've had the odd one go through my legs and in the back of the net. I've seen a keeper try to throw the ball out, change his mind and he's turned the ball into his own net – that would be the comical one – but we all make mistakes!

BridgesBoy79 from CTFC.net: Which player was your role model when you were growing up?

BJ: I've always been fascinated by Peter Schmeichel – even when he was at Bronby. I met him as a kid and remember shaking him by the hand when he did a community event in Copenhagen. I've always been a Manchester United fan and for him to go there and become the world's best goalkeeper makes him my idol.

Phil Pennecott from Twitter: Do you guess at penalties or watch the ball and player?

BJ: It's not a guessing game anymore and you always do your research. It's quite complicated to be honest!

Carie-Louise Gray from Facebook: How did you get into football as a child and did you always want to be a footballer/goalkeeper? What would you be if you weren't a footballer?

BJ: It's completely different in Denmark from here. My youngest has signed for Everton and he's only eight. I didn't go in goal until I was 15 in Denmark and it's been a dream come true and a privilege to do what I do. You have to be in the right place at the right time in Scandinavia. I have lots of friends that are better footballers than me but never got the opportunity. I am trained as an electrician so I would have probably been one of those, had I not been a footballer.

Carol Bates from Twitter: What's the best prank you've ever pulled?

BJ: We've all done the Deep Heat in the boxer shorts but the one that stands out to me was a few years ago. The PFA send boots to you in a big box and someone did a number two in my box! I knew who it was and the revenge was sweet. I went down to Tesco, got a fresh mackerel and put it on the spare wheel of his brand new Mercedes. He didn't find it until two weeks later! The motto: Don't mess with the Beast!

You can watch the video with Brian answering all your questions on our official YouTube channel [1896crawleytownfc](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1896CrawleyTownFC)

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No.9 Michael Smith celebrates one of his two goals in Swindon's opening-day win over Scunthorpe.

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Swindon Town

INJURIES THREATEN ROBINS' WINNING START



Michael Smith celebrates one of his goals against Scunthorpe last Saturday

Like Reds, Swindon have made an excellent start to the season with last Saturday's 3-1 win over Scunthorpe in their League One opener followed by a 2-1 success at Luton Town on Tuesday in the first round of the Capital One Cup.

Two goals from Michael Smith, which added to his brace against the Iron on opening day, sealed the win at Kenilworth Road after ex-Red Luke Rooney (who was later sent off) had put the hosts in front.

But victory came at a cost with further additions to a lengthening injury list.

Brad Smith (medial ligaments) and Louis Thompson (dead leg) are both doubts for today's game while Jordan Turnbull and Jack Barthram battled on despite receiving treatment to head wounds. Anton Rodgers, Swindon's only permanent signing of the summer, is definitely out today because of a knee injury.

Speaking after Tuesday's win, Cooper told the Swindon Advertiser: "We kept going and kept to our principles, even though we were a goal down, and stuck to our beliefs. We came through in the end.

"I thought we dominated possession. It was like emergency ward 10 in our changing room, there was blood everywhere but the boys kept going. They kept passing the ball, made Luton Town run and in the end we wore them out and that's what got us our goals. I thought they were all really good. I thought it was an outstanding away performance."

One man Reds will certainly need to monitor closely today is four-goal Smith, who is reported to be attracting interest from League One rivals Coventry City.

Cooper added: "We love big Smudge to bits. He works his socks off, the boys love him because he never stops – he chases and harries and runs – and sometimes when you work that hard you get your reward and he's getting them now."

In Charge

A manager who has been in charge against Crawley on numerous occasions, Mark Cooper was appointed Swindon boss at the start of last season following Kevin McDonald's departure. Cooper – son of former England international Terry – cut his teeth in management as player/boss at Tamworth between 2004-07.

After leaving the Lambs he went on to take charge at Kettering Town and after two years with the Poppies moved to Peterborough United for his first taste of Football League management.

He left London Road after just 13 games in charge of the Posh and dropped back into non-league later that year when he took over at Darlington. He spent a season with the north-east club before taking in spells at Kettering Town – for a second stint – and then AFC Telford United prior to joining Swindon as McDonald's assistant.

As a player, Cooper represented Exeter City, Hartlepool United, Birmingham City and Southend United after coming through the youth system at Bristol City.

Did you know? Cooper's son Charlie plays for the Birmingham City Academy.



Four to watch

Wes Foderingham



Initially signed on loan from Crystal Palace, Foderingham agreed a permanent deal after keeping nine clean sheets from his 15 matches, conceding only six goals during this time.

Wes began his career in the Fulham youth academy in 2000 and penned his first professional deal with the Whites in 2009. During his only full season with Fulham, Foderingham spent time on loan at Bromley before moving to Crystal Palace in the summer of 2010.

After loans with Bromley, Boreham Wood and Histon, the 23-year-old got his chance to play in the Football League with Swindon. He has been a regular since joining the club and has 130 appearances to his name already. Foderingham has represented England at under-16, under-17 and under-19 level.

Did you know? During the 2012-13 season, Foderingham was named in the League One Team of the Week on three occasions and in the PFA League One Team of the Year.

Yasir Kasim

An Iraqi international midfielder, Kasim joined Swindon last summer

from Brighton & Hove Albion on a free transfer.

After coming through the Tottenham Hotspur youth system, he left to join Brighton in 2010. During three years with the Seagulls he made only one appearance but spent time with Luton Town and Macclesfield Town on loan.

Baghdad-born Kasim was called up to the Iraq under-23s side in 2012 and earlier this year received full honours, playing against China in the United Arab Emirates.

Did you know? Kasim played in the same junior football team as Swindon goalkeeper Wes Foderingham.

Nathan Thompson



Thompson came through the Swindon youth academy before earning his professional contract with the Robins in 2009. The highly rated right back has so far appeared 76 times for Swindon since making his debut against Torquay United in October 2010.

A regular in the side last season, Thompson's endeavours earned him rave reviews and attracted the attention of Peterborough United and Leeds United, but the defender – whose brother Louis is also part of the Swindon squad – decided to remain loyal and will be hoping for a similar

season of success this time around.

Did you know? Thompson was awarded the 'Swindon Advertiser' Player of the Season in 2013 after picking up a huge 60% of the vote.

Ryan Harley



An experienced midfielder who has played against Crawley on a number of occasions in the past, Harley arrived at Swindon last summer on a free transfer from Brighton.

Harley made 21 appearances for Swindon last season, scoring once. The Bristol-born central midfielder began his career with Bristol City but after making only two appearances he dropped into non-league with Weston Super-Mare. In 2007, a move to Exeter showcased his creative talents. He would go on to spend five years with the Grecians and help them rise to League One.

His form attracted a number of clubs and it was Swansea City who won the race for his signature in January 2011. Six months later – and after failing to play a game for Swansea – Harley was sold to Brighton. He would make only 16 appearances for the Seagulls and after a short loan spell with MK Dons he moved to Swindon.

Did you know? Harley played in the same Exeter City side that earned two promotions alongside ex-Crawley goalkeeper Paul Jones.

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The Swindon **squad**

25. Tyrell Belford

Goalkeeper

- Has played five Swindon games in his career – one of which was against Crawley last season.
- His father Dale is manager of Tamworth, whilst his brother Cameron is also a goalkeeper.
- Progressed through the Coventry and Liverpool youth ranks and has played for England under-16s and 17s.

3. Nathan Byrne

Defender

- Played 12 games for Crawley on loan in the 2012-13 season, scoring once, away at Carlisle.
- Full back who signed from Tottenham on a permanent deal last summer after a loan spell.
- 22-year-old didn't play for Spurs but spent time on loan at Brentford and Bournemouth.

22. Darren Ward

Defender

- Experienced club captain arrived at the club last summer after a spell on loan during 2012-13.
- Has played for Millwall, Crystal Palace, Wolves, Watford, QPR and Charlton in his career.
- Runs a cattery in Hertfordshire and scored against Crawley in a 2012-13 Capital One Cup tie for Millwall.

23. Jack Barthram

Defender

- Another former Tottenham man who arrived at the County Ground on a free last summer.
- Came through the Spurs' youth team before being released in 2013.
- The 20-year-old made 11 appearances for Swindon Town last season.

29. Raphael Branco

Defender

- 24-year-old Brazilian defender who began his professional career with Corinthians in 2007.
- Came to England in 2011 by joining Brighton but failed to play for the Seagulls in his one season.
- Joined Whitehawk for the 2012-13 season before arriving at Swindon last summer, playing 13 times.

15. Josh Lelan

Defender

- A recent signing on loan from Derby County, joining on a season-long loan earlier this month.
- Made his Swindon Town debut last week in a 3-1 win against Scunthorpe United.
- Came through the Derby youth system and had a first taste of senior football on loan at Gateshead.

4. Massimo Luongo

Midfielder

- Australian international who went to the 2014 World Cup following a call up to the squad.
- Joined Swindon last summer from Tottenham for a fee believed to be around £400,000.
- The 21-year-old had a loan with Ipswich and two loans with Swindon before joining permanently.

19. Louis Thompson

Midfielder

- Brother of Robins' defender Nathan, Louis came through the youth system with Swindon.
- Made his debut in 2011 and has appeared 30 times since then.
- Despite being born in Dover, Thompson has made three appearances for Wales at under-19 level.

7. Ben Gladwin

Midfielder

- Born in Reading, Gladwin came through the Royals academy before joining Aldershot's youth team.
- Before joining Swindon in 2013, Gladwin had played his whole career in non-league.
- Has played for Hayes & Yeading, Reading Town, Burnham, Salisbury, Marlow and Wallingford.

26. Anton Rodgers

Midfielder

- Spent 2013-14 at Oldham and played against Crawley for the Latics in our 1-0 home win.
- Came through the youth ranks at Chelsea and Brighton & Hove Albion.
- Son of Liverpool boss Brendan, Rodgers has spent time on loan at Exeter in the past and played twice for Ireland under-19s.

10. Andy Williams

Striker

- The Hereford-born frontman came through the youth system with his hometown club, turning pro in 2004.
- Scored 17 goals in 74 games before moving to Bristol Rovers in 2007. He moved to Yeovil in 2010.
- Joined Swindon in 2012 after two years with Yeovil and returned to the Clovers last season on loan.

16. Connor Waldon

Striker

- Swindon-born forward who came through the youth system with the club before turning pro in 2013.
- Spent time on loan at Frome Town, Gloucester City (twice) and Tamworth.
- Has so far appeared three times for Swindon but has yet to score.

18. George Barker

Striker

- Was on the books of Brighton before he signed for Swindon in January.
- Has previously had loan stints with Lewes, Barnet and Newport County prior to his move to Wiltshire.
- Born in Portsmouth, Barker played with Anton Rodgers in the Brighton team.

9. Michael Smith

Striker

- Powerful frontman who arrived at Swindon in the 2014 January transfer window from Charlton.
- Had a very good loan spell with AFC Wimbledon last season scoring nine goals in 23 outings.
- Spent his youth career at Wallsend Boys Club and has played for Darlington, Newport, Accrington and Colchester.

A man with dark hair and a goatee, wearing swimming goggles on his head, is smiling broadly while standing in a swimming pool. He is holding a white sign with a green vertical bar on the left side. The sign has handwritten text in black ink. The background shows blue water with some splashes.

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Fan fare

The lowdown on Swindon with Town fan Adam Tanner



Name: **Adam Tanner**

Age: **26**

Supported Swindon since: **1993**

Favourite Player: **Wes Foderingham**

Where did Swindon strengthen in the summer and are there any positions that still need filling?

We made one permanent signing - midfielder Anton Rodgers, son of Brendan. We have also recruited a youth loan from Liverpool, Southampton and Derby and all three started last Saturday. I expect more loans to follow, but permanent signings seem unlikely.

Our team is extremely young, with no players aged over 23. However, the starting XI looks good, and it only falls short in defence where we are low on numbers and short on experience. We also need to add depth up front. Michael Smith is a promising striker, who has managed a decent goals ratio since joining in January, but he is the only forward in the squad good enough for this level, and we need options to take the pressure off him.

Were you pleased with what you saw in pre-season? In terms of league opposition, we lost narrowly at home to Southampton and Leeds, before beating a young Aston Villa team 4-1. We played good football, but until recently were looking both shaky in defence and toothless up front. However, against Villa the goals flowed and we followed them up with three more in the league opener against Scunthorpe.

What are the realistic aims for the Robins this season? Last season we finished eighth. We have lost several key players from that team, most notably Nile Ranger and Alex Pritchard, and haven't filled many of the gaps with players of equivalent quality and experience.

Having said that, a benefit of a young team is that players should constantly be improving, and several of our regulars - including ex-Crawley loanee Nathan Byrne - are big assets, far more so than when they signed. At the moment, we don't have the squad depth to challenge for the top six.

Hopefully that will change, but in any case we can aim for the top half.

Who are the Swindon players to watch out for this afternoon?

Wes Foderingham is an outstanding keeper, and we are really lucky he's in his fourth season with us. Our three central midfielders, Massimo Luongo, Yaser Kasim and Louis Thompson, are all quality footballers who will play at a higher level.

How impressed have you been with manager Mark Cooper?

I rate him highly. His transfer record is pretty strong, which is important as we have needed to contend with several of Paolo Di Canio's expensive failures wasting huge chunks of the budget. We play attractive football, too. Cooper doesn't get the credit that he deserves. This is because we have had such a volatile history that many of our fans can't stand the thought of quietly ticking over and spending a couple of years in mid-table, even after terrible mess left by Di Canio. I for one hope he's around for a while.

How concerning was the interest of Massimo Luongo from Rotherham in the summer?

He's a class act who lets the ball do all the work. He faded towards the end of last season because he was exhausted, having played nearly every minute of our 55 games. If we manage him a little more carefully, he should be our main asset this season.

Finally, what are your predictions for the game this afternoon? We've never lost in four visits to Crawley, so I'll back us to keep the run going. 2-1 to Swindon!



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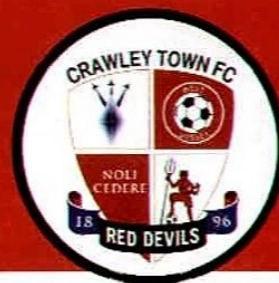
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Elliot Benyon



Striker Benyon scored three goals for Crawley in 15 games during a loan spell in 2007 from Bristol City. The forward previously spent time on loan with St Albans prior to arriving at the Checkatrade.com Stadium, and, after his release by Bristol City in 2007 he transferred to Torquay United.

After playing 125 for the Gulls over four years and scoring 39 times, Benyon moved to Swindon in January 2011 for an undisclosed fee. He struggled to break into the team and after a loan at Wycombe signed a permanent deal with Southend United in 2012. He scored twice in 21 games for the Essex side before returning to Torquay permanently last summer after a short loan spell at Plainmoor.

Nicky Ajose

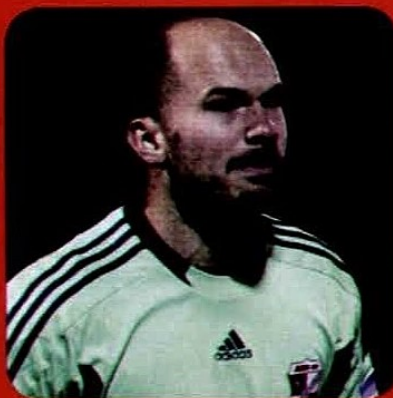
Ajose joined Crawley on loan from Peterborough United in 2012. During his time with us, Nicky scored winning goals at Doncaster and against Bolton Wanderers in the Capital One Cup.

He returned to Peterborough before making a temporary switch to Bury later in the campaign. Ajose spent the first part of last season on loan at Swindon and enjoyed 16 games in Robins' colours and scored six times before returning to Peterborough and becoming part of Posh boss Darren

Ferguson's plans.

Ajose graduated through the Manchester United youth ranks alongside Danny Welbeck and 13 goals in 28 loan games at Bury in the 2010-11 campaign prompted Peterborough to sign him in 2011. Last week, he joined Leeds United on a three-year contract.

Phil Smith



Phil spent between three seasons at Crawley after arriving from Margate in 2004. During our first season as a Conference club, Phil dislodged long-serving 'keeper Andy Little to make 73 appearances before signing for Swindon in 2006.

He was a mainstay for the Robins during six years in Wiltshire and made 112 appearances, including two against Crawley in our 2010-11 FA Cup run, where we took the Robins to a replay that we won 3-2.

In 2012 Smith went to Portsmouth and, after a loan spell with Dartford during part of last season, he joined Aldershot Town in the summer on a free transfer.

Leon Clarke

The experienced striker was briefly a Swindon player after arriving from Sheffield Wednesday in 2011. However, after an altercation with manager Paulo Di Canio, he was sent out on loan to Chesterfield. Following a return

of nine goals from 14 games for the Spireites, Charlton took the frontman to the Valley but he struggled to get into the side and joined Crawley on loan in March 2012 and scored once in three games - the opener in a 2-1 win at Bradford City. After leaving Crawley, Clarke spent time with Scunthorpe and Coventry on loan before joining the Sky Blues on a permanent basis. He scored 23 goals in 34 games to earn a permanent deal to hometown club Wolverhampton Wanderers last January.

Gary Alexander



Gary spent the 2000-01 season with Swindon and scored seven times in 37 games before moving to Hull. In 2012, having been at three other clubs following his spell with the Tigers, Gary joined Crawley on loan, bagging seven goals from 14 games and helping the Reds to promotion from League Two.

He agreed to make the switch a permanent at the end of the 2011-12 campaign. Six goals in 32 games followed during his two-year stay as a Red, and, after a loan spell with AFC Wimbledon, Gary joined Burton Albion in January 2014.

He retired from professional football in the summer, joining Greenwich Borough the Southern Counties East League.

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BY BIRTUG KAZIM, COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION MANAGER

Meeting their heroes

Brian Jensen, Mitch Rose, Connor Essam and Lewis Young visited our popular Soccer Schools at Maidenbower Junior School (pictured below) last week and took part in refereeing matches and coaching the players.

Around 50 children and parents were pleased to see the players before the opening game of the season, and Brian, Mitch, Connor and Lewis enjoyed getting stuck in and working with the children.

We'd like to thank all those who have taken part in our Soccer Schools so far this summer, and for those who are keen to join in the fun we have limited spaces available for our remaining courses.

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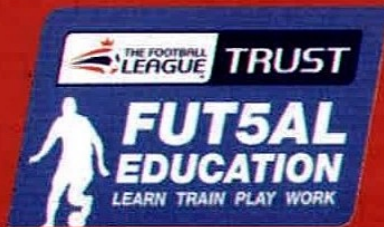
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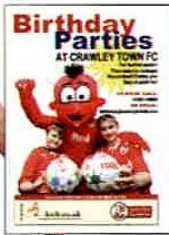
Soccer Schools

Junior Reds Membership



Crawley Town FC player escorts and mascots

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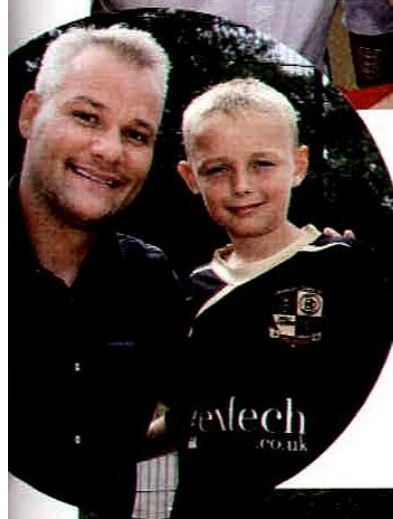
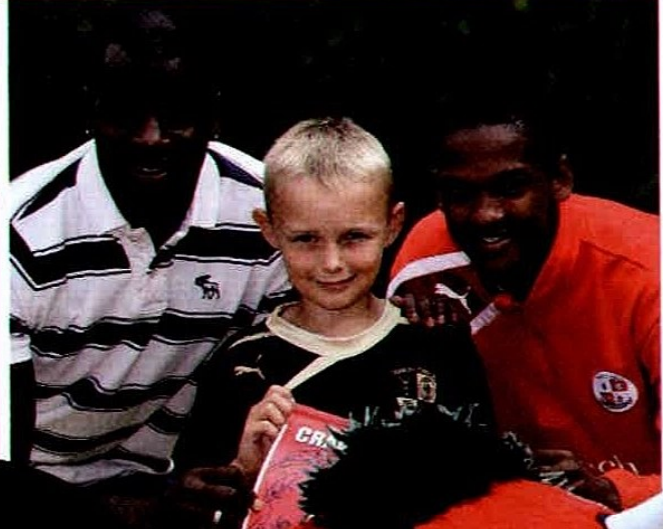
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Meet the players!

Junior Reds members and other young Crawley Town fans met their new heroes in a pre-season event on the ball court at the Checkatrade.com Stadium. They even challenged squad members Gwion Edwards, Mitch Rose and Bobson Bawling to a penalty shoot-out – which they won!





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**Mascot Nathan
Bates with Joe
Walsh before the
Ipswich game**



BIRTHDAY WISHES

**Katie Knock has
her birthday
TODAY!**

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The partnership between Crawley Town FC and Thales

enters its third season with their sponsorship of Junior Reds. This enables us to provide fantastic opportunities for registered children and young people up to the age of 18.

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Peter Hitchcock, site director of Thales' Crawley facility, said: "This agreement represents a wonderful opportunity for us to continue our support for Crawley Town Football Club, and to help give the Junior Reds a chance to watch their team.

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Crawley Town

McLeod III

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Ipswich Town

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Man of the Match
Jimmy Smith

Referee: Andy Haines | Attendance: 3034 | Capital One Cup 1st round | Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014



Izale McLeod pops up with the winner in extra time



Charles Banyan battles for possession with Alex Henshall



Ryan Dickson had his hands full!



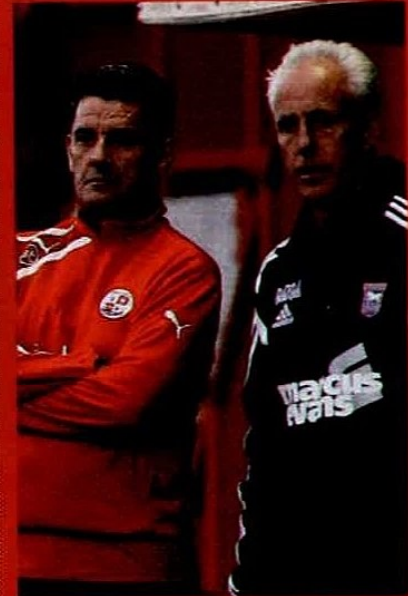
Gwion Edwards gets in his shot



Dean Leacock tangles with Darren McQueen



Matt Cowdrey presents the man of the match award to **Jimmy Smith**



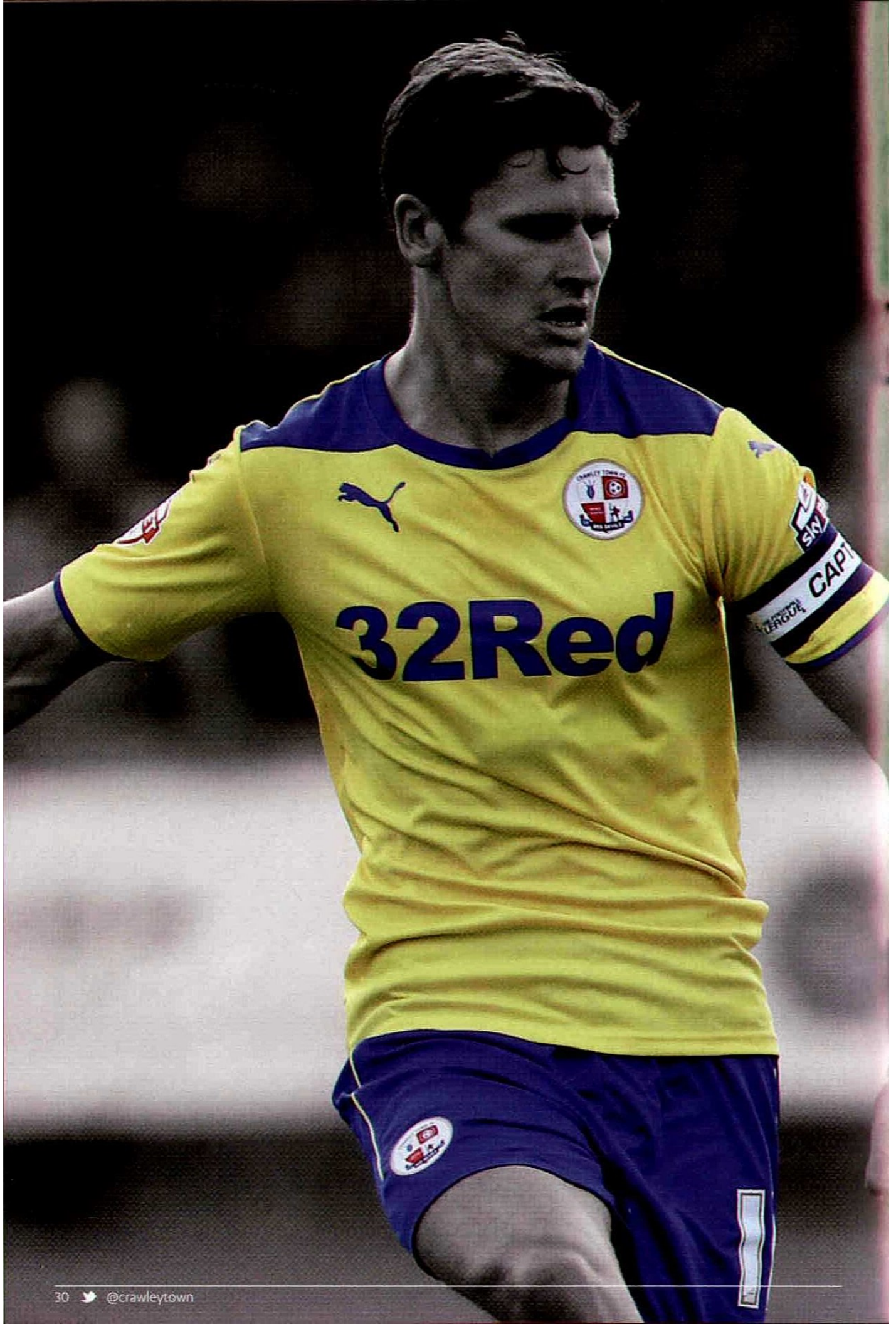
Watching brief for **John Gregory** and Ipswich boss **Mick McCarthy**



Reds

Jensen; Oyebanjo, Leacock, Walsh, Bradley; Bawling (Dickson 62), Smith, Henderson (O'Connor 93), Edwards, Young (Banya 54), McLeod. Unused subs: Rose, Richeford, Isaacs, Essam

Izale McLeod is buried under a sea of bodies after his late winner

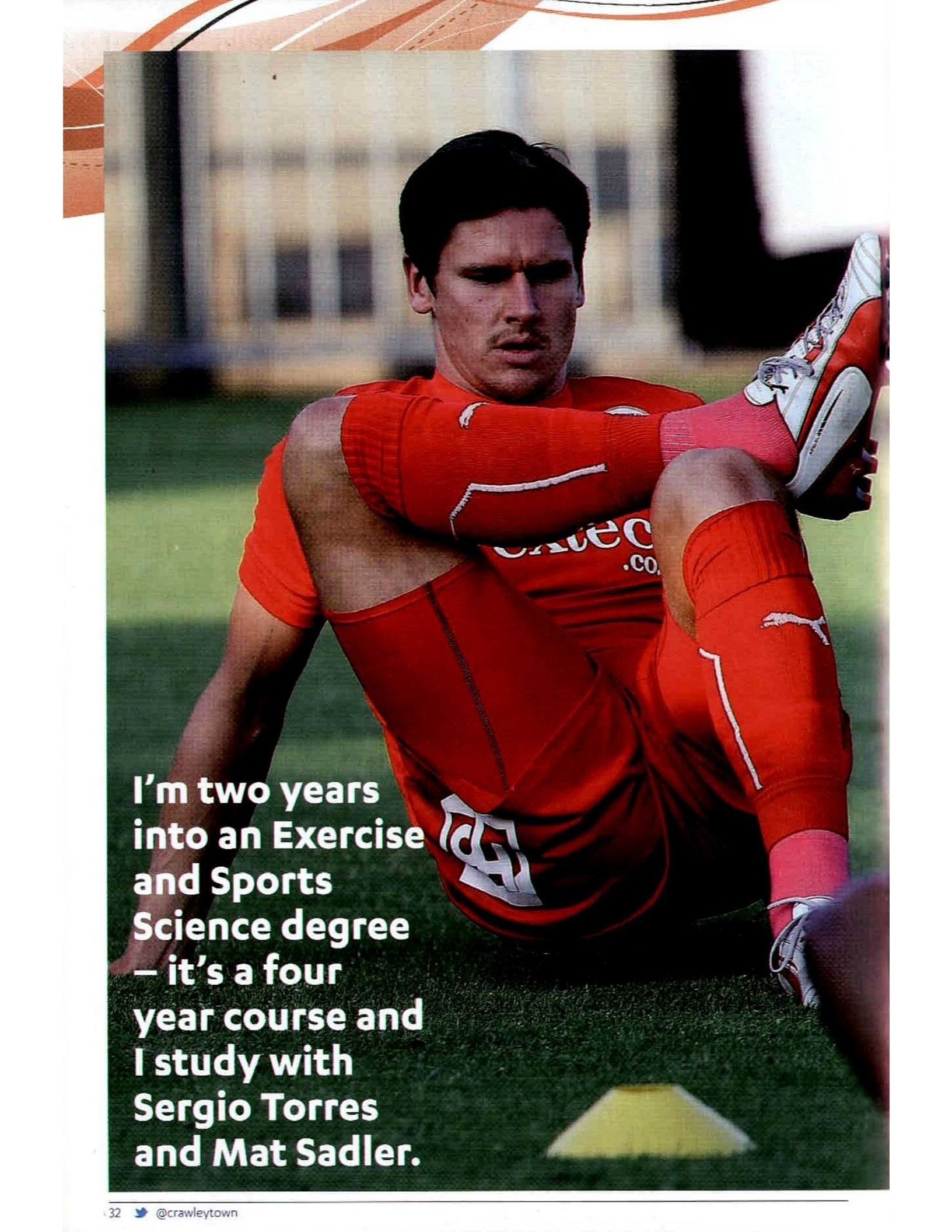




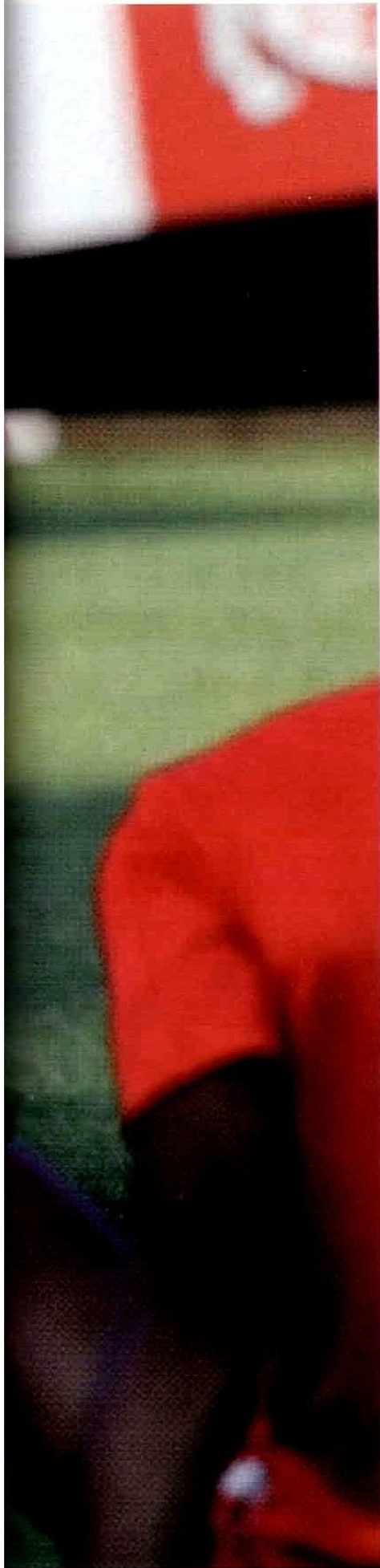
The **Interview**
Josh
Simpson

It's been quite a journey since
Josh Simpson
– now our longest-serving player
– arrived at Crawley Town.

By Warren Lucy

A male soccer player is sitting on a green grass field. He is wearing a red soccer kit, including a jersey with "Crawley" and ".CO" visible, red shorts with a white logo, and red socks with a white logo. He is also wearing white and red soccer cleats. He is looking towards the camera with a serious expression. The background is a blurred building with windows. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

**I'm two years
into an Exercise
and Sports
Science degree
– it's a four
year course and
I study with
Sergio Torres
and Mat Sadler.**



Crawley Town were getting themselves firmly on the football map when Josh Simpson joined us from Peterborough in January 2011.

Since then the Reds have gone from strength to strength, earning promotions from the Conference to League Two and then League One in successive seasons before two years of steady consolidation in the third tier of English football.

Josh joined us at the age of 23 and has transformed himself into a key member of the team as well as taken over the captain's armband. He's appeared on 141 occasions for the Reds and, off the field, he's looking to the future by studying for a degree with a couple of former Crawley favourites.

"I'm two years into an Exercise and Sports Science degree," the skipper explains. "It's a four year course and I do it with Sergio Torres and Mat Sadler. I've always been interested in the scientific side of football and it's something I want to fall back on if I can after football. However, at 27, I still feel I have plenty of years left in me. I like to listen to what our sports scientist Niall Clark has to say and to learn from what he does."

Josh had better get revising with a couple of important dates just around the corner: "I have an exam and an assignment to do, which means I'll have my head in the books – hopefully on the long away trips rather than during my recuperation from the ankle injury I picked up last Saturday," Josh added.

"A lot of players used to look into doing courses after they retired but more and more now seem to be doing it during their careers because they know that football's only a short career – which is why I started at 25. I'm enjoying it and do it through the PFA at Manchester Metropolitan University. We only have to do a week on campus in the summer but the studying is done online through emails from lecturers and e-books."

Josh lives in East Grinstead with wife Laura and sons Ralph and Hugo and it's not just the man of the house who's busy exploring career opportunities. He explains: "My wife is a rep and distributor for Juice Plus. It's one of those healthy living businesses and the juices have a lot of nutrients, vitamins and fruit and veg. I think there's between 17-21 portions of fruit and veg in these capsules and shakes that I have. They all help to power my football so both of

us are benefitting from it. I remember when I first joined Crawley and Dean Howell was telling us all about his own company called Revolution Foods and he's doing well with that. There's a few different companies out there, Herbalife is another one."

As well as being a distributor, Laura – like her husband – is thinking outside the box and runs her own business. "It's called Sweet Fray," Josh says. "She does it in the summer, designing and customising these denim shorts. It's her own little thing that she does and obviously when the weather's not too good the sales dry up a little, but in the summer she does well with it all. Sergio's wife does similar things but with bracelets. They're both little businesswomen and not your typical WAGs!"

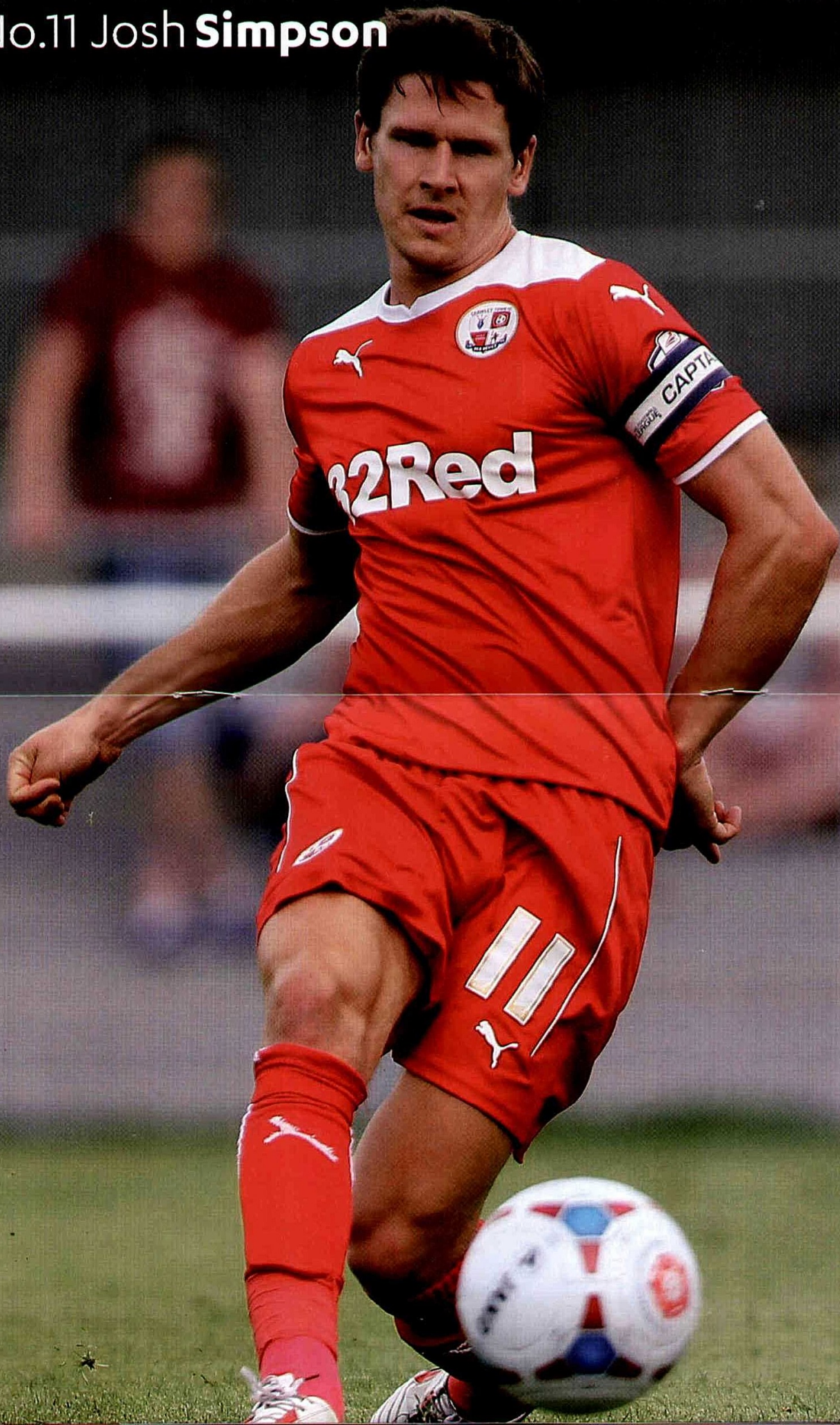
Back to today's game and Josh is looking forward to coming up against familiar opponents and a familiar manager. Although he joined Peterborough on loan back in 2009 when Darren Ferguson was in charge, he agreed a permanent deal with Posh when current Swindon boss Mark Cooper was manager at London Road.

"I was with him at Peterborough for a little while," added Josh. We got relegated that season but it was a case of the club being a sinking ship before Mark arrived. From what I remember he was a very relaxed manager who liked to play football the right way. He's gone on to have a good career in management and since he went to Swindon he's got them playing and they just missed out on the play-offs last season.

"I think he gave me my debut at Peterborough in the game against Cardiff when I scored twice when we came back from 4-0 down, which was a memorable occasion. I really enjoyed working under him but he was sacked after a few months.

"I remember playing against Swindon in League Two and they were a very good side. They've been one of our bogey teams in the past and they have some good players in the squad. But after the great wins against Barnsley and Ipswich, we go into today's game full of confidence. It's important that we do well at home this season. I know it's a cliché, but we have to make this place a fortress."

No.11 Josh Simpson



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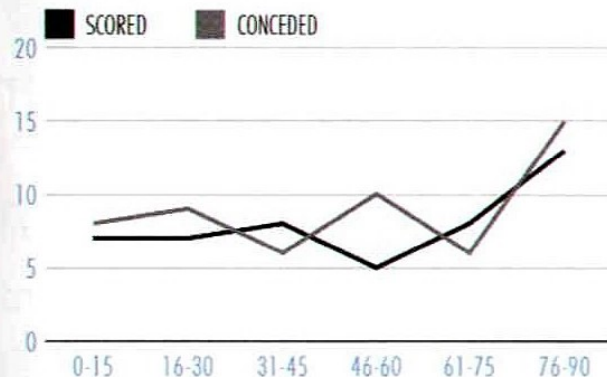


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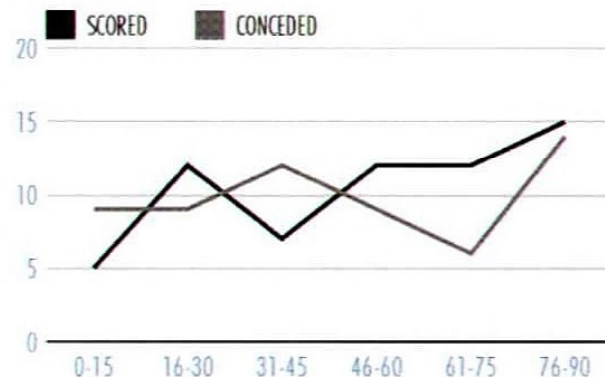


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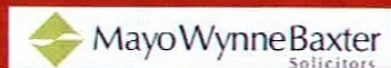
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After another exciting summer of sponsorship renewals and new faces coming on board, it gives me great pleasure for the second season in a row to welcome Mayo Wynne Baxter into the Match Day sponsor's hot seat. Over the course of the next few weeks we'll introduce all the new sponsors but for today it's over to MWB!

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For more info please see page 38 of today's programme or visit www.mayowynnebaxter.co.uk

Today's Mascot

We welcome **Josh Norris** who is today's mascot and Josh is here with his mum Jess, dad Michael and best mate Steve.

Josh's hobbies include playing and watching football, he especially liked going to Peterborough away last year when we beat them 2-0. He is also very much into his music and likes nothing more than listening to The Prodigy, Foo Fighters, Madness, Kasabian and Olly Murs.

Michael is a Reds' fan from back in the Town Mead days and regularly brings Josh to home games from Hastings, where they now live.

Have a great day Josh!



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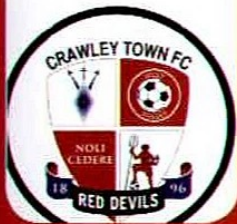


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Team behind the **team**

In this new feature we talk to the people behind the scenes at the club. Today it's **Kelly Derham, who manages our finance and administration.** Kelly's been very busy this summer – organising the paperwork for our 17 new signings!

Kelly, what did you do before you came to Crawley Town?

I ran my own book keeping business for ten years. I consulted for Crawley Town for six months just helping out at the club with the financial side and those six months turned into three years! It's been a great three years though with the club's rise to League One.

How has the club changed over those three years that you've been with Crawley?

I think we've certainly streamlined everything – particularly over the last year. We have worked immensely hard on the budget, particularly this season. We now have a small team that work behind the scenes that we are all very happy with, we all get on really well and everyone works hard on behalf of the club and the supporters.

What does your job entail?

I didn't realise how much I was going to get involved! The amount of forms that I have to fill in would surprise people. I work on everything from registering players to making sure we comply with regulations regarding disabled access! At one stage I had to count how many toilets and urinals there were in the men's and fill in forms regarding that! It's not just about signing players – we have medical records and all these other little things including bonuses for appearances. There's so much else that goes on in the admin role and I am learning things every day.

How busy has this summer been with all the new signings?

It's been very hectic at times! I've been working hard on the budget and taking on the administration role as well

means I haven't had a minute's rest. You wouldn't normally sign 17 new players all in a summer. However, it's been extremely exciting and a real learning curve for me. Juggling finance and administration is difficult but once you get used to it, it's not too bad. Once the season gets underway we can maybe calm down together. I can't wait for our first home game today.

How different is working at Crawley compared to your old job?

Football is hugely different to book keeping. Football's its own sort of business and is much more different to the old role I had. We have the Salary Cost management protocol to update regularly. That's a big part of what I do.

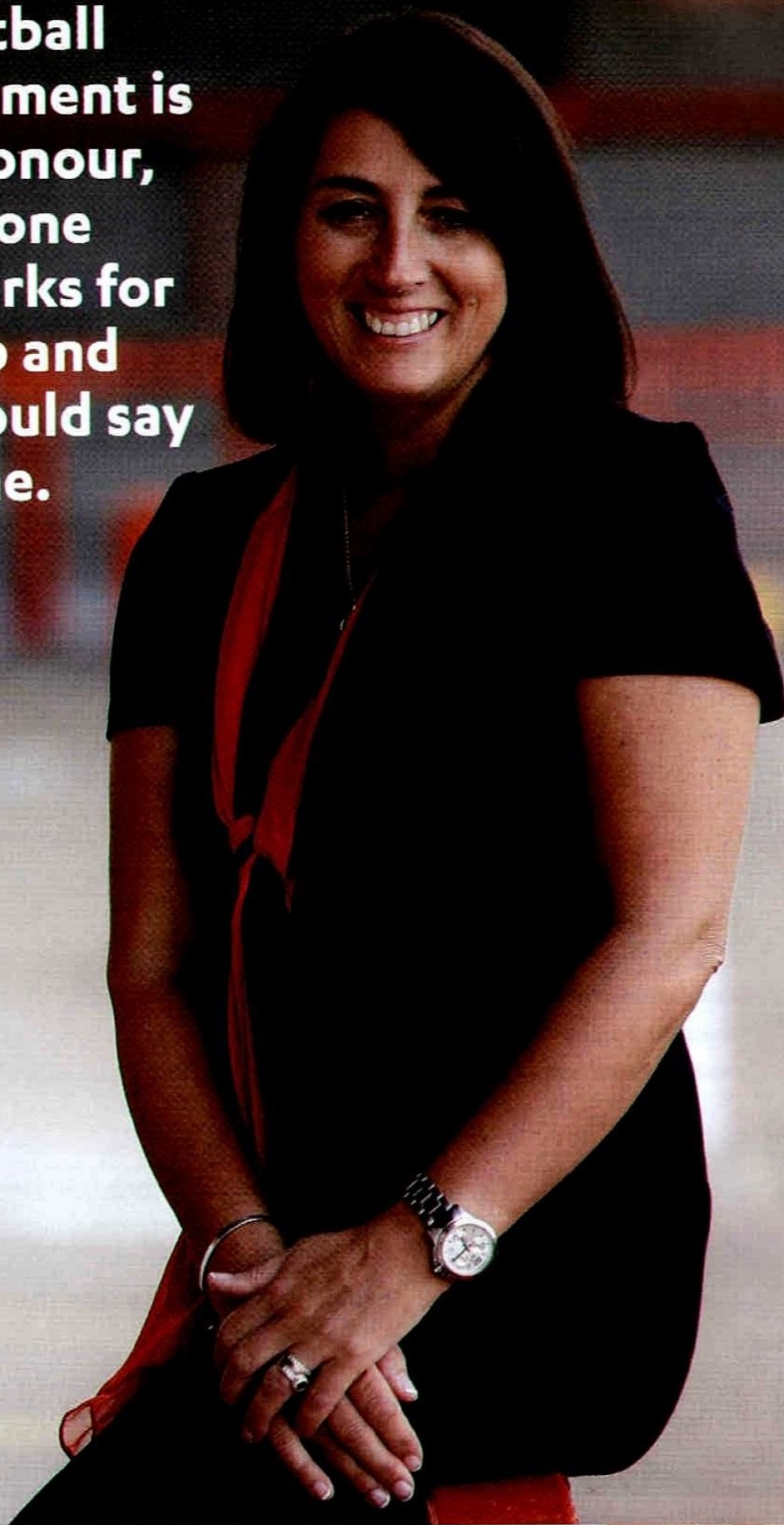
What's the best thing about working at Crawley Town?

I like the fact that we have a whole new team this season – I think it's exciting. I know all the new players having played a part in bringing them all in. Last season there were a few that I didn't really know too well. I feel really part of the club now and a lot more involved. I love the buzz because no two days are the same.

Anything you don't like?

I wouldn't say there is a bad thing. I enjoy working with Chief Executive Michael Dunford and the rest of the team. I suppose if there was one thing then it may be the Tuesday night matches because it turns into a long day by the time the game finishes and I get home. I really do love my job though and feel very privileged to do what I do. Working in the football environment is a real honour, ask anyone who works for the club and they would say the same.

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GOALS

1		ASSOMBALONGA	24
2		BALDOCK	24
3		AGARD	22
4		WILSON	21
5		GARNER	19

ASSISTS

1		PRINGLE	16
2		SAKO	15
3		COX	13
4		EMMANUEL-T...	11
5		GALLAGHER	10

SHOTS ON TARGET

1		DONALDSON	59
2		MOONEY	56
3		WILSON	56
4		BALDOCK	55
5		ASSOMBALONGA	54

MINUTES PER GOAL

1		COULTHIRST	6
2		FOLEY	53
3		STOCKLEY	54
4		MAGUIRE	59
5		LASIMANT	76

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		BALDOCK	43
2		WESTCARR	41
3		LOWE	40
4		ANEKE	39
5		EMMANUEL-T...	37

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1		MIKE WEST	24
2		MCLAUGHLIN	63
3		MCFADZEAN	71
4		WESTLAKE	72
5		JONES	90

FOULS

1		HANSON	91
2		FRECKLINGTON	76
3		DONALDSON	72
4		GARNER	72
5		GRIFFITH	72

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1		BONHAM	16
2		BURNS	28
3		FLEMING	33
4		MCCLOUGHLIN	35
5		JALAL	36

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Danny Green was the only League One player to make two assists last weekend.

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Bristol City's Aaron Wilbraham created a league-high five chances on the opening weekend of League One action.

*Data comes from the 2013/14 league season.



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A number of former Reds made their debuts for their new clubs last week with quite a few finding the back of the net.



Paul Connolly (above right), who had a brief spell with the Reds last season, challenges **David Amoo** as he helped new club Luton make a winning return to the Football League with a 1-0 win at Carlisle last Saturday.

Matt Tubbs returned to League Two football with a bang as he scored AFC Wimbledon's first goal in the Dons' 2-2 home draw with Shrewsbury Town.

Tubbs headed in Sean Rigg's cross to open the scoring before James Collins equalised for Shrewsbury. Rigg gave the Dons the lead again before Collins netted late into the second half to share the spoils. Also making his debut for Wimbledon in that match was Crawley legend Dannie Bulman.

In League One, **Jamie Proctor** bagged a goal and an assist in Fleetwood's opening day win over Crewe Alexandra. Proctor set up David Ball for the opener before curling in a long-range effort from outside the box after coming off the bench, as Fleetwood recorded their first ever League One win with a 2-1 victory.

Staying in League One and two ex-Crawley men bagged goals in last week's 2-2 draw between Colchester United and Oldham Athletic. **Jonathan Forte** grabbed a debut brace for Oldham – with **Mike Jones** also playing the full match for the Latics – whilst for Colchester, former Reds' defender **Magnus Okuonghae** netted their first goal of the 2014-15 campaign.

Also in our division, **Kyle McFadzean** scored his first goal for MK Dons following his move in the summer.

Milton Keynes went 2-0 down on the opening day but came back after a Kortney Hause own goal and Will Grigg header. Kyle put MK 3-2 up before another own goal, this time by Leon Legge, added gloss to the Dons' 4-2 victory.

In Conference North, former Crawley attacker **Danny Forrest** scored a terrific long-range effort to earn a 1-0 victory for Guiseley at Leamington. Forrest's strike gave his side the three points and they immediately went fourth with their opening day victory. Forrest scored eight times in 70 appearances during his two-year stay here between 2008 and 2010.

Also in the division, **Jefferson Louis'** late equaliser earned Lowestoft Town a point in their season opener at Chorley. With Chorley 2-1 up with seconds remaining, a ball across the box found Louis lurking in the box and he tucked away his first of the new campaign.

The striker made 18 appearances for Crawley during his only season at the club, scoring five times in 2009-10. The journeyman forward has played for over 30 different clubs.

A to Z: Q&A



In the first of our new Alphabet Answers feature, we sat down with Matt Harrold for the first of our new Q&A interviews with your Reds' heroes.

A AWAY - What is the favourite away ground you've played at?

MH: Probably White Hart Lane. I've played there a couple of times but my luckiest ground is probably Southend because I always seem to score there.



White Hart Lane: Matt's favourite ground

B BANTER - Who's got the best banter in the squad?

MH: I'd like to put myself up there to be honest. BJ has good banter as does Gav. To be fair, there's a few of us that are decent.

C CLUB - What football team do you support?

MH: Arsenal. I was brought up around an Arsenal-supporting family.

D DINING - What would be your last meal?

MH: Wow this is hard - I'm a bit of a foodie anyway. I'd go for scollops, chorizo and pea puree. For the main I'd go for... - not a steak because everyone will say that. I'll say a seafood linguini - a nice pasta dish. For dessert, I haven't really got a sweet tooth so I'll go with something different - cheese and biscuits!

E EVENINGS - A quiet night in or a night out with the lads? Why?

MH: I like to vary things up. Variety is the spice of life!

F FOREIGN - What's your favourite holiday destination and why?

MH: Portugal. It's somewhere we go every year, to Vale do Lobo on the Algarve.

G GAME - What's been the favourite game you've ever played?

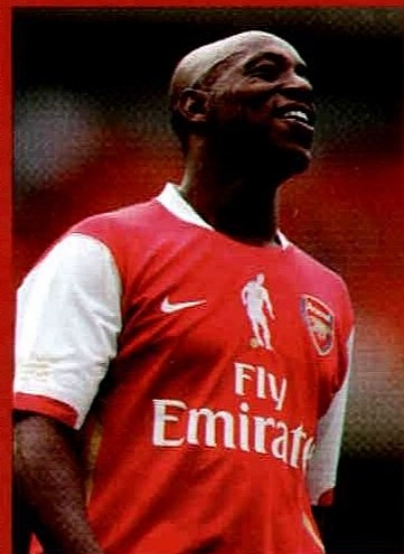
MH: Probably a split between my FA Cup debut for Brentford where I got the perfect hat-trick. Also winning promotion when I was with Wycombe - that was a great occasion.

H HOBBIES - What do you like to get up to away from football?

MH: I like a bit of cycling, cooking and some shopping.

I IDOL - Who was your favourite footballer as a youngster and why?

MH: I know I'm an Arsenal fan but I did like Teddy Sheringham, but I'll go with Ian Wright because of his goals and personality.



Idol: Gunners' legend Ian Wright

J **JOBS** – Have you had any other jobs aside from football?

MH: Only gardening when I was a kid. I used to do it for a man down the road from me and all I remember was that his breath was absolutely rancid!

K **KID** – What were you like as a young boy?

MH: I was a little devil. An angry red head who messed about!

L **LOATH** – What annoys you the most and why?

MH: Messiness. I like things clean and tidy and have a bit of OCD when it comes to cleanliness.

M **MUSIC** – What sort of music are you into and what's your favourite ever tune?

MH: I'm more R&B or hip-hop but I like pretty much anything. My favourite song would be either Common – The Light or Wale – Ambition.

N **NICKNAME** – What's the best nickname you've come across in your career?

MH: It was probably a lad at Brentford who had the name 'Thrush' because he was an annoying (so-and-so!)

O **OPTIMISM** – What would you like to achieve in your career?

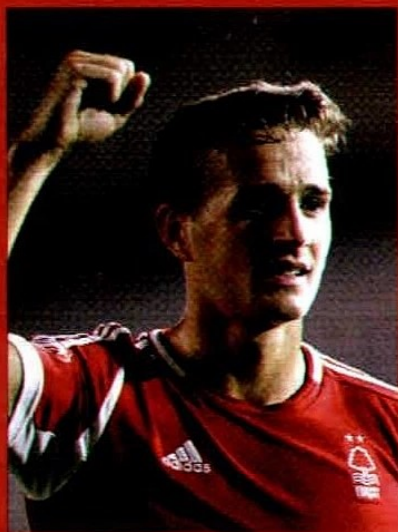
MH: You want to play at the highest level but you can only look at where you are at the moment so I'll go with doing well at Crawley and pushing up towards the top of the table.

P **PETS** – Do you have any pets?

MH: None at all, as I'm scared stiff of any animals.

Q **QUALITY** – Who's the best player you've ever played with?

MH: The best I've played with was Chris Cohen at Yeovil. He's now at Nottingham Forest and he's a very good player.



Decent player: Chris Cohen

R **RAPID** – Who's the quickest player you've played with or against?

MH: I played against Gareth Bale in a cup game at Spurs so probably him – he can shift.

S **STRANGE** – What's the strangest thing you've seen in your life?

MH: I'm not sure. I'm sure I saw something strange recently.... you really should have given me this list beforehand! To be honest, I can't think of anything – let me get back to you! (Ed: He never did!)

T **TELEVISION** – What do you like to watch on TV and why?

MH: I like a good deep series. Something like The Wire, Game of Thrones or House of Cards. I thought Prison Break was terrible – for me the first season was good but the others were rubbish. Breaking Bad was very good though.

U **UNKNOWN** – Tell us something that people don't know about you.

MH: When I was at Southend at 23 I was approached to be a Prince Harry lookalike but didn't get it because I wanted too much money!



Lookalike? Matt or Prince Harry?

V **VIDEO GAME** – Do you own a games console and how often do you play it?

MH: I do – a Nintendo 64 with Golden Eye. I probably played that about ten years ago. That was a classic game.

W **WORLD** – Where would you most like to visit in your life?

MH: That's interesting. I'd like to live in New York for a year or two.

X **XYLOPHONE** – Can you play any musical instruments?

MH: Yes, I'm good at the maracas.

Y **YIKES** – Do you have a fear of anything?

MH: All animals – in particular dogs of any breed.

Z **ZODIAC** – What's your star sign?

MH: Leo – as strong as a lion!

Back in time

JOHN BARNETT LOOKS BACK TO 1994

MATT WILL DO NICELY!

Pearson spot on to earn a share of spoils

MATT PEARSON, still recovering from a virus, was spot on for the Reds as they salvaged a worthy draw at Town Mead on Tuesday.

Pearson's precise penalty kick sent 'keeper Bob Wright the wrong way, netting low to his left early in the second-half.

The decision for a penalty was dubious, referee Mr Upton point to the spot for Matt Brazier's tug of skipper Paul Fishenden shirt.

This strike was the turning point in the match, breathing much needed life into the pre-season friendly after a dour opening half.

The uninspiring first 45 minutes saw the Reds on the receiving end of a string of attacks involving the impressive Dani Dichio.

By NEIL HARLEY-RUDD
Reds 1, QPR XI 1

The 6ft 6in striker, who used his chest as well as his feet, was unfortunate not to give QPR a first minute lead.

He narrowly failed to connect with Tony Witter's weak drive and stand-in 'keeper Jason Curtis was delighted to get an early touch.

Marvin Bryan's two scrappy attempts were foiled by a goalscramble and the only highlight was every time flying right winger Steve Payne intercepted the ball in his own half.

He was like a bat out of hell, whizzing past the bewildered Brazier time and time again but to no avail. If only he had the confidence and

skill to finish.

On the verge of half-time Gavin Geddes made his only contribution to the first-half, but his inspirational 25 yard run into the QPR area was soon averted.

Just 47 seconds later the visitors grabbed an overdue lead courtesy of Bryan.

Brian Crott's pass to Dichio on the halfway line was pounced upon and he moved dangerously towards Curtis who was given no chance by an unselfish pass for Bryan to tap home from three yards.

It was a different story after the interval, Pearson putting QPR in their place and a tidy tireless display

kept the visitors at bay.

Bryan and Dichio were the obvious dangers for the Reds and although they constantly beat the back four could not find a way past Curtis.

Byan came closest with a ferocious angled header that rebounded to safety from the underdale of the crossbar.

Ted Shepherd, the Reds boss, praised his side and newcomer Curtis. "I was happy with the way we played.

"It was a fast game but we were not compact enough in the first-half."

REDS: Curtis 7 — Shepherd 6, Ford 6, Cook 6, O'Shaughnessy 6 — *PAYNE 8, Jeffrey 6, Pearson 7, Geddes 6 — Fishenden 5 (wdrn), Turner 6. Subs: Vansittart 6.



ON GUARD... Matt Pearson waits for his prey, QPR's Austin Equavoeu

Ian Hands' programme editorial for the QPR friendly 20 years ago today

It's an unusual look back for John Barnett, to a pre-season friendly from 1994 when Premier League Queens Park Rangers visited Town Mead for our final warm-up match.

The previous season had been a welcome surprise as Ted Shepherd's side launched a promotion challenge that only fell away in the last fortnight when, needing to win games in hand to catch up, we ran out of steam somewhat and were unable to capitalise on a potentially lucrative position. Therefore, with our Town Mead home looking highly impressive following a major uplift to bring it up to Conference standard, optimism was high that summer.

However, even at this stage, a worrying injury list was slowly developing. Inspirational captain Tony Vessey had been injured at the end of April and had not yet recovered, while central defensive partner Mark Jenkins — another class act — had struggled with a knee injury during the previous

campaign and he, too, had not yet returned.

Equally worrying was the goalkeeping situation. The match-day programme was a double header, also covering the second leg of the William Hill Trophy against Woking. In the away leg, goalkeeper Neil Taylor had sustained an injury that the programme notes mentioned as being likely to keep him out for four weeks. In fact never played for the club again. Worse followed in the second leg as the other 'keeper on the books, Colin Caulfield, also suffered an injury, so for this friendly, Jason Curtis was between the posts.

Other points of interest in the editorial relate to the playing structure that Shepherd was putting in place. The date was confirmed for the under-18 side's FA Youth Cup tie with

Welcome to Town Mead to both sets of Players, Officials and Supporters of Woking and Queens Park Rangers Football Clubs. We hope you enjoy your stay in Crawley and have a safe journey back home.

We face Woking on Saturday in the second leg of The William Hill Cup, the first leg having been played last Saturday at Woking where we went down by 0-2, an early goal will no doubt spur us on to overcome that deficit. Neil Taylor joined our injury list in that match, early on in the game Neil twisted and fell heavily attempting to thwart a Woking attack — early signs are that he may be out for at least 4 weeks. Woking kindly lent us their reserve 'keeper for the remainder of the match, a nice gesture. Good luck in the Conference this season, we may see you next season? . . . and I nearly forgot, belated congratulations on lifting the FA Challenge Trophy at Wembley last season.

On Tuesday we face a Queens Park Rangers XI in our last pre-season friendly before the league action commences, at the time of writing these notes I have no idea of the strength of their line-up, but if last seasons affair is anything to go by when we won with a 2-1 scoreline, then an entertaining fixture is on the cards.

Please note an amendment to the Capital League fixtures printed in the Southend programme, the away fixture at Welling is now to be played on Thursday 1st September *not* Wednesday 31st August.

Another attractive fixture this season will be played here on Monday 5th September when the Reds Youth Side play their first ever match in the FA Youth Cup versus Chertsey Town — come along and add your support to the boys. Admission prices will be £2.00 adults, £1.00 OAPs and boys and girls.

Admission prices to Capital League matches at Town Mead will be £3.00 adults and £1.00 for OAPs and boys and girls.

IAN HANDS

DAVE HAINING TESTIMONIAL MATCH

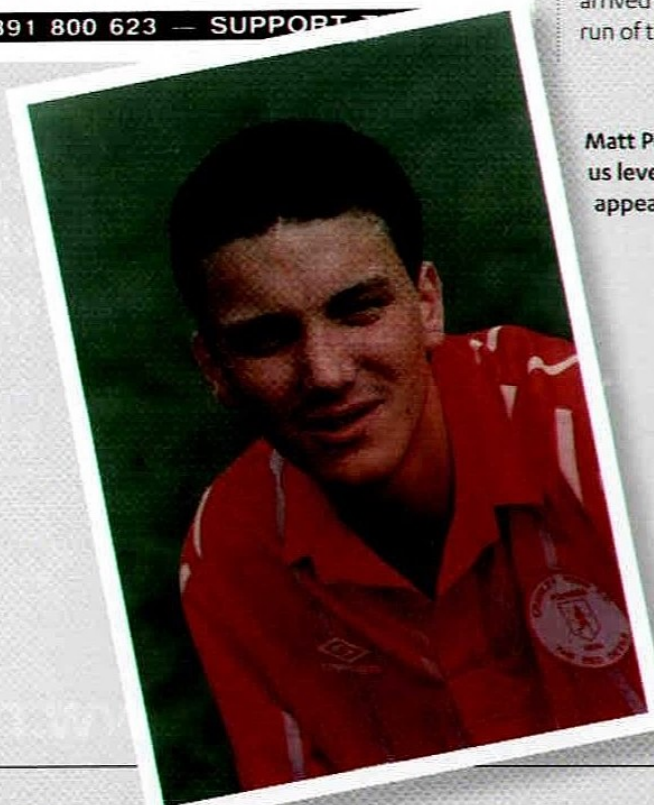
There are still a number of unclaimed prizes from the raffle drawn at half-time during the match with Crystal Palace, the unclaimed numbers are:

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How the Crawley News reported the 1-1 draw at Town Mead



Chertsey, our first ever match in the competition, and there was a date change for a Capital League match, our first season of entering a side in this competition that featured a number of Football League clubs' reserve or 'A' teams, the intention being to bridge that gap between the reserve team in the Suburban League and the first team.

QPR brought down a strongish side featuring Matt Brazier, Tony Witter and Danny Dicchio, and it was they who generally dominated proceedings, but did not take the lead until just before the break when Dicchio went through and squared for Marvin Bryan to slot home. In the second-half however, the Reds got back into it and levelled when Brazier was adjudged to have fouled Paul Fishenden and defender Matt Pearson stepped up to score. The visitors continued to be a threat with Bryan heading against the underside of the crossbar and Curtis denying them on other occasions.

By all accounts, this proved a good workout with the season proper just three days away. Our opening match was at that archetypal Southern League Midlands outpost Atherstone United which, to be fair, looked somewhat less quaint in August than it did in the winter. A solid 0-0 draw suggested a decent start, but it was a false dawn as the injury situation continued to worsen and we lost the next five matches. Victory finally arrived against VS Rugby, the first of a run of three wins in four.

Matt Pearson, whose penalty drew us level. The midfielder made 82 appearances for Reds

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If you weren't here on Tuesday, may I welcome you back to the Checktrade.com Stadium and thanks again for supporting your local club!

In terms of the matchday experience, I very much hope you enjoyed what we did last season and we hope to build again to enhance your enjoyment from the moment you arrive until the moment you leave.

Thank you very much to all of you who took the time to fill out our survey over the summer on match day entertainment. Your suggestions and ideas have been very useful in helping to create this season's entertainment.

Our aim is to build a fanatic atmosphere inside the ground ahead of kick off and

at half time.

You are all amazing on the road at raising the roof and we want to make our home ground a fortress of noise on a match day. So as per your suggestions, we have made a few changes and we will be trailing a few things so please do let us know what you think.

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We want you score predictions and match day photos, you never know your pictures and post match tweets may find there way in to a future edition of Simply Reds!

Here's to another great season and please keep your ideas and thoughts coming my way

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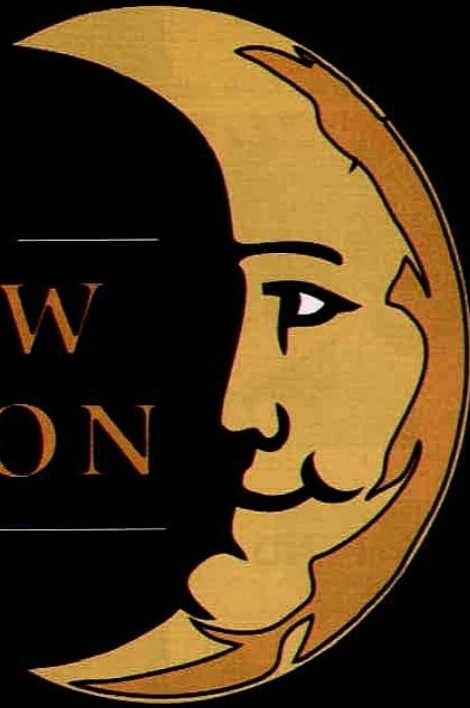
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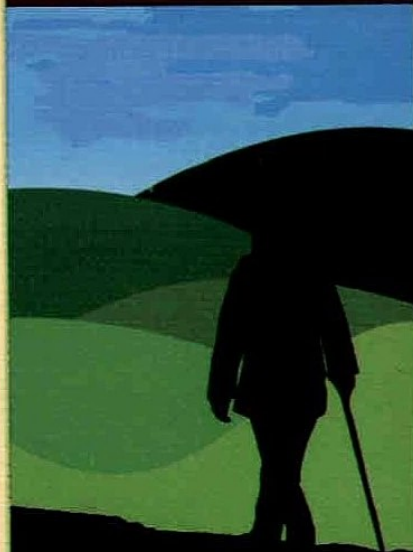
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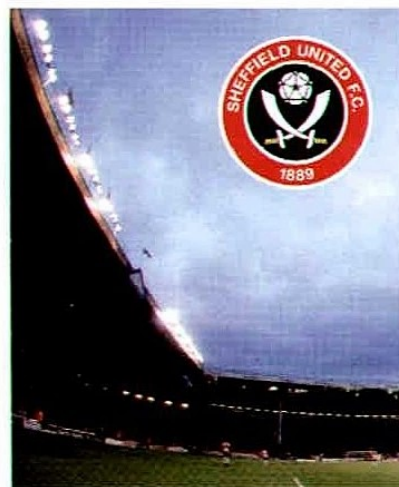
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Road Trip Red



Life on the road in Sky Bet League One this season

In this new feature, Craig Bratt will be reporting on all away games from the perspective of a Reds' supporter. He starts with the trip to Barnsley.

Last Saturday saw the start of the eagerly awaited Sky Bet Football League season, and a CTSA coach was packed with excited Reds' fans as we made the long journey north to visit **Barnsley FC.**

Leaving at 7.30am, it was an easy journey up the M23, M25 and M1. There was a good atmosphere on the coach with lots of joking and general chit-chat in anticipation of kick off.

Travel Tracey and Gill provided the refreshments and the usual pre-match games were passed around the coach with CTSA first timers Alison and Claire winning £40 between them.

A quick stop at Leicester services meant Burger King and Costa Coffee all-round. Reds' fans took to the pub before the game to get a taste of the pre match atmosphere and interact with the home fans and some simply took a stroll around the 23,000 capacity stadium.

Oakwell is a fantastic ground, steeped in history, consisting of three modern, unobstructed stands, and one archaic grandstand with supporting pillars that housed the directors area, press and some of the home support.

We were housed in the 6,100 capacity North Stand with a stunning view of the action.

The concourse sold all the usual grub,

with the local pie going down a storm! The 215 Reds' supporters attended were in full voice as the two teams, consisting of no less than 15 debutants between them, emerged from the tunnel. It was a good crowd at Oakwell as Barnsley fans turned up to watch their side's first game since relegation to League One following a disastrous Championship campaign.

During the game, the regular chants were sung and there was some good banter with the home fans, especially a certain song about "Not being very good, you're playing Crawley!"

Most of the fans were impressed with Reds' solid defensive display and Brian Jensen's heroics. Izale McLeod also made a good impression in the stands with the only goal that sent the Reds' faithful wild.

It was an impressive performance overall, but nothing could beat the incredible performance from the Beast, who made a flurry of outstanding saves to keep Barnsley at bay and deny them a late equaliser - although we looked pretty comfortable throughout the game bar Jensen's terrific save from Dale Jennings in the first half.

What a fantastic away day, and what a way to start the season!

Let's get as many as many of you as we can at **Sheffield United** and **MK Dons**, and roar the Reds onto some more fantastic victories! #COYR

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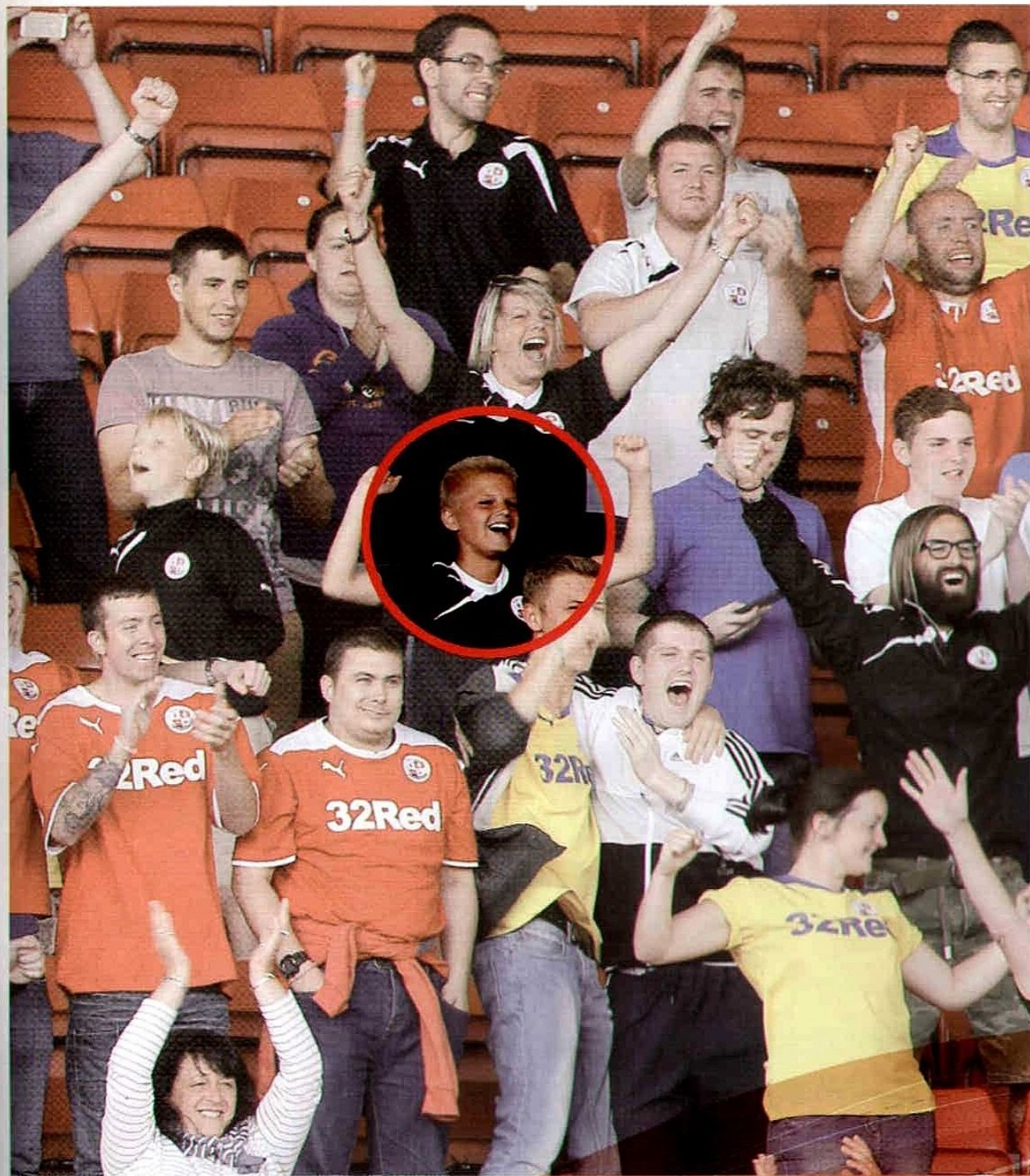
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Face in the crowd

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2014/15 statistics

Player	League		Cup		Season		Career	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Charles BANYA	0+1	0	0+1	0	0+2	0	0+2	0
Bobson BAWLING	0+1	0	1	0	1+1	0	1+1	0
Sonny BRADLEY	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Ryan DICKSON	1	0	0+1	0	1+1	0	1+1	0
Gwion EDWARDS	1	0	1	0	2	0	7+1	2
Connor ESSAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	9+3	1
Matt HARROLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conor HENDERSON	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Bradley ISAACS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian JENSEN	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Dean LEACOCK	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Izale McLEOD	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Emmett O'CONNOR	0	0	0+1	0	0+1	0	0+1	0
Lanre OYEBANJO	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Ryan RICHEFOND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitchell ROSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh SIMPSON	1	0	0	0	1	0	134+23	13
Jimmy SMITH	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Raphael SPIEGEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gavin TOMLIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe WALSH	1	0	1	0	2	0	77+3	8
Lewis YOUNG	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0

Top Scorers:

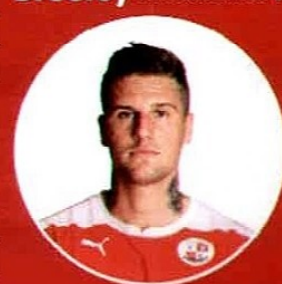
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Most Assists:

Henderson 1

Bradley 1



Sky Bet League One Table

Pos	Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Doncaster Rovers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2	MK Dons	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
3	Swindon Town	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
4	Bradford City	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
5	Bristol City	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
6	Chesterfield	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
7	Fleetwood Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
8	CRAWLEY TOWN	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
9	Peterborough	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
10	Colchester	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
11	Oldham Athletic	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
12	Notts County	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
13	Port Vale	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
14	Preston	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
15	Walsall	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
16	Coventry City	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
17	Crewe	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
18	Leyton Orient	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
19	Sheffield United	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
20	Barnsley	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
21	Rochdale	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
22	Gillingham	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
23	Scunthorpe	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
24	Yeovil Town	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

Today



Bristol City v Colchester
 Chesterfield v Rochdale
 Coventry v Sheffield United
 Crewe v Barnsley
 Doncaster v Port Vale
 Gillingham v Yeovil
 Notts County v Fleetwood
 Oldham v Orient
 Peterborough v MK Dons
 Scunthorpe v Preston
 Walsall v Bradford City

2014/15 Fixtures and Results

SATURDAY K/O 3PM MIDWEEK K/O 7.45PM

	Opponent	Comp	H/A									
August												
9	Barnsley	L1	A	1-0	Jensen	Oyebanjo	Dickson	Walsh	Leacock	Edwards	Henderson	Simpson
12	Ipswich Town	COC1	H	1-0	Jensen	Oyebanjo	Bradley	Walsh	Leacock	Edwards	Henderson	Bawley
16	Swindon Town	L1	H									
19	Bradford City	L1	H									
23	Sheffield United	L1	A									
30	MK Dons	L1	A									
September												
6	Rochdale	L1	H									
13	Fleetwood Town	L1	H									
16	Doncaster Rovers	L1	A									
20	Preston North End	L1	A									
27	Yeovil Town	L1	H									
October												
4	Coventry City	L1	A									
11	Peterborough	L1	H									
18	Notts County	L1	A									
21	Walsall	L1	H									
25	Gillingham	L1	A									
November												
1	Crewe	L1	H									
8		FAC1										
15	Oldham Athletic	L1	A									
22	Scunthorpe	L1	H									
29	Chesterfield	L1	H									
December												
6		FAC2										
13	Bristol City	L1	A									
20	Port Vale	L1	H									
26	Leyton Orient	L1	A									
28	Colchester	L1	H									
January 2015												
3	Chesterfield	L1	A									
10	MK Dons	L1	H									
17	Rochdale	L1	A									
24	Fleetwood Town	L1	A									
31	Preston NE	L1	H									
February												
7	Yeovil Town	L1	A									
10	Doncaster Rovers	L1	H									
14	Barnsley	L1	H									
21	Swindon Town	L1	A									
28	Sheffield United	L1	H									
March												
3	Bradford City	L1	A									
7	Bristol City	L1	H									
14	Colchester United	L1	A									
17	Port Vale	L1	A									
21	Leyton Orient	L1	H									
18	Gillingham	L1	H									
April												
3	Crewe	L1	A									
6	Oldham Athletic	L1	H									
11	Scunthorpe	L1	A									
14	Walsall	L1	A									
18	Notts County	L1	H									
25	Peterborough	L1	A									
May												
2	Coventry City	L1	H									



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	Sub	Sub	Sub	Unused subs	Crowd	Away	
Young	Smith	McLeod 1	Banya	Bawling	Spiegel, Tomlin, Bradley, Rose, O'Connor	10,105	215
Young	Smith	McLeod 1	Banya	Dickson	O'Connor	3043	843

Retro **Reds** : 1989



Cliff Cant squares up to a Corby Town opponent during our Southern League clash against The Steelmen at Town Mead in October 1989 – nearly 25 years ago. It was the only season Reds wore this kit and fortunately for the eyesight of our fans this picture is in black and white. The offending shirt was a pink and white creation! **Reds won 2-1 with Cliff and Gerry Armstrong on target.**



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Crawley Town

Manager **John Gregory** | Colours: **Red**

(GK) Brian JENSEN	1
Lanre OYEBANJO	2
Ryan DICKSON	3
Conor HENDERSON	4
Dean LEACOCK	5
Sonny BRADLEY	6
Gwion EDWARDS	7
Jimmy SMITH	8
Izale McLEOD	9
Josh SIMPSON	11
Joe WALSH	12
Lewis YOUNG	14
Charles BANYA	15
Connor ESSAM	16
Mitchell ROSE	17
Matt HARROLD	18
THE RED ARMY	19
Bobson BAWLING	20
Gavin TOMLIN	21
Emmet O'CONNOR	22
Ryan RICHEFOND	23
Bradley ISAACS	24
(GK) Raphael SPIEGEL	25



Swindon Town

Manager **Mark Cooper** | Colours: **White and black**

1	Wes FODERINGHAM (GK)
2	Nathan THOMPSON
3	Nathan BYRNE
4	Massimo LUONGO
6	Jordan TURNBULL
7	Ben GLADWIN
8	Yaser KASIM
9	Michael SMITH
10	Andy WILLIAMS
11	Bradley SMITH
15	Josh LELAN
16	Connor WALDON
17	Ryan HARLEY
18	George BARKER
19	Louis THOMPSON
21	Mathew JONES
22	Darren WARD
23	Jack BARTHAM
24	Curtis DA COSTA
25	Tyrell BELFORD (GK)
26	Anton RODGERS
27	Josue ANTONIO
29	Raphael BRANCO
30	Harry ACOMBAR

Match Officials

Referee **James Linington**

Assistants: **Ian Fissenden** and **Robert Whitton**

Fourth Official **Wade Norcott**

Next Home Match

Crawley Town v **Bradford City** Sky Bet League One

Date **Tuesday August 19, 2014** | Kick-off **7:45pm**



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